

ROADS SUE U. S.  
FOR MILLIONS

New England Lines Say They Have Lost \$10,880,865 in Carrying Mails.

## POSTAL HEAD IS BLAMED

Court Petition Charges Daily Weight of Mail Not Known—Demands for Facilities Heavy.

Alleging they have lost \$10,880,865 in the last six years by carrying mail under the present system of weights, New England lines yesterday filed a petition with the court of claims asking the government to pay for the loss. The petition claims the present rate per mile for carrying the mail is unworkable, unjust and confiscatory. They also state that the pay for carrying the mail is inadequate and that the government created must be made up from the freight, passenger and express rates.

The petition also claims the amounts claimed are: New York, New Haven and Hartford, \$4,234,726; Boston and Maine, \$3,582,328; Maine Central, \$1,527,740; Bangor and Aroostook, \$96,194; New York, Ontario and Western, \$66,000; Sandy River and Rangely Lakes, \$6,503; and Bridgton and Saco River, \$2,437.

**Demands Excessive Facilities.**  
Two grounds for action are claimed: first, the system of weighing mail, declared to be illegal; and secondly, the conduct of the Postmaster General in demanding excessive facilities of the railroads without a corresponding increase in compensation.

With respect to the weighing of the mail every four years as a basis for the mail payments to them, the railroads assert that such weighing has been done exclusively by the Postmaster General and that they have been prohibited from fully inspecting and verifying such weighing. This weighing of the mail for a certain period and for four years as the basis for stating the average weight of the mail carried for the four years beginning a number of months after such weighing had been made, is contended is not in accordance with the law.

The petition in this connection alleges that the daily average weight of mail was not ascertained by the Postmaster General for each and every year of said contract period, as was by law required, and as could and should have been done, either by weighing the same annually or by averaging the weights so taken in 1904, 1908 and 1912, respectively, between the different years and contract periods, as the Postmaster General was by law bound to do.

**Postal Head Blamed.**  
The railroads charge that the Postmaster General "deliberately and purposefully" resorted to this system for the reason that by so doing they would be compelled to carry and did carry the whole increased and increasing amount of mail during the subsequent four-year period without any compensation therefor, and that had they been weighed annually they would have been paid more money. This is held to have been illegal, inasmuch as the annual compensation was by law fixed according to "the amount of mail carried per annum."

It is asserted by the railroads that they repeatedly requested and demanded of the Postmaster General that the mails carried be weighed annually, or that the weights be taken at the beginning and end of the four-year period and averaged, but that such demands were ignored and refused. The protests against what the railroads call in their petition "this unjust and illegal method" have been continued to the present day.

Another charge made against the Postmaster General is that "without any warrant or authority in law" he raised the weight limit of the parcel post packages by his executive orders of July 23, 1913, and December 18, 1913, the latter order bringing it up to fifty pounds in the express and second-class mail, and thereby invited and permitted the shipping of vast quantities of merchandise, farm, mine and factory products, and materials of all kinds which theretofore had been shipped by freight or express, all without any adequate compensation therefor.

## MARRIAGE LICENSES.

WHITE.  
Gilbert H. Holland, 22, and Rose R. Martin, 25, of Washington, Va.  
Adolph A. Nauk, 22, and Laura M. Reed, 21, of W. M. Lane.  
Bertrand Hutchinson, 22, and Katherine F. Lap, 20, of Rev. J. L. Widenham.  
Charles R. Brown, 25, and Grace A. Knapp, 22, of Rev. W. M. Moon.  
Lorenzo W. Thompson, 25, and Juanita Chilton, 22, of Rev. E. M. Roman.  
Henry P. Burnett, 22, and F. S. Smith, and Doris L. Farrar, 22, of Rev. C. E. Smith.  
George Johnson, 22, and Eva M. Smith, 22, of Rev. J. L. Widenham.  
Sister P. Jones, 22, of Rev. J. L. Widenham, and Ethel O. Neal, 22, of Rev. A. P. Anderson.

## Compels All Impurities

To Abandon System

Blood Troubles Can not Remain If Properly Treated.

There is in S. S. S., the famous blood purifier, a property that absolutely compels harmful influences to disintegrate and lose their identity. No matter what they are called or how destructive they are there is in S. S. S. a powerful, searching counter influence to annihilate the impurities, remove the cause, the mucus linings to convert it into an inert substance that is quickly thrown out of the blood and out of the body by the skin, lungs, kidneys, bowels, and destroyed in the liver. There is not a single advance in medicine today that in any sense is an improvement over S. S. S. Surgery is a wonderful, marvellous science, but when it comes to purifying the blood S. S. S. stands alone. Thousands of doctors have prescribed it. Their patients do not always know it is S. S. S. because they leave the treatment to the doctor implicitly. But far-sighted doctors long ago realized that in the venereal nature of S. S. S. were certain ingredients that to the blood in sickness were just as essential as the flesh-building elements of the grain, meat, fat and suet of our daily food. The average doctor is humane and of trained intelligence. He has seen the recoveries from cases of blood trouble by the use of S. S. S. Get a bottle of S. S. S. today of any druggist. Accept no substitute. And if you wish proper advice on any form of blood trouble, write to the Medical Adviser, The Swift Specific Co., 102 Swift Bldg., Atlanta, Ga. It is worth while to do so.

BOOKS AND CLOTHING  
PREY OF SILVERFISH

Department of Agriculture Tells How to Destroy Shiny Little Pest.

Housewives who are annoyed by damage done by insects to books, papers, clothing and other articles containing starch, are advised by the Department of Agriculture to spread a poisoned paste upon bits of cardboard, and tuck these into crevices in bookshelves, backs of mantels, under washboards, and in other portions of bureau and bookcase drawers.

A thin, boiled starch paste should be prepared by adding to the flour from 3 to 5 per cent powdered white arsenic (poison), and then using sufficient water to boil into a thin paste. This should be spread upon cardboard and allowed to dry. The preparation, however, is poisonous to human beings as well as to insects and must be used with the utmost care.

The insect which does the damage is known by a number of popular names, such as silver fish, silver louse, silver witch, sugar fish, etc. It owes these names to its pale, silvery form and its scaly body. As long ago as 1865 it was described as "a very small, silvery, shining worm or moth which I found with great content among books and papers." It is about one-third of an inch in length and somewhat resembles a worm. Its entire body is covered with a silvery, scaly, or shagreened appearance, and its six legs enable it to run about with great rapidity.

**OBITUARY.**  
The funeral of Capt. Abraham Hart, last commander of the Department of the Potomac, G. A. R., who died Friday night at his home at St. Helena, Cal., according to word received yesterday, Mrs. White was 84 years old, and her death had been expected for more than a month as the result of a fall that fractured her hip.

Funeral services will be held tomorrow at St. Helena, after which the body will be taken to Battle Creek, Mich., to be buried beside that of her husband.

The funeral of Ella K. Hennig, prominent member of the order of Eastern Star, who died early Friday morning, will be held at 1:30 tomorrow from the residence, 120 Spring Road. Interment will be at Arlington National Cemetery.

## "SAFETY FIRST" OUTING PLANS.

Association Will Go to Marshall Hall Next Wednesday.

Preparations for the second annual excursion of the Washington Safety First Association to Marshall Hall on Wednesday, July 21, have been completed and a large attendance is expected. Dr. Edgar D. Thompson, chairman of the committee on arrangements, announces that in the afternoon there will be addresses by prominent men.

Secretary Hiatt has been informed that Supt. Ernest L. Thurston, of the public schools; Maj. Raymond V. Pullman, superintendent of police; Dr. J. C. Woodward, health officer of the District; and a number of District and Federal officials have accepted invitations to go on the outing.

Karl K. Locke, director of boys' activities of the playground department, who is a member of the Safety First Association, will be in charge of the athletic program. There will be a ball game in the afternoon between the Boy Scouts' team and the Mount Pleasant Playground team, also races for men and women as well as for the children.

Great interest is being displayed by the children in writing essays on "Safety First." \$5 in gold having been offered by the association for the best essay, the winner's name to be announced in the newspapers a few days after the excursion.

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As a demonstration that even very warm weather cannot interfere with its activities, the Retail Merchants' Association will hold its regular quarterly meeting on Tuesday evening at the Raleigh Hotel.

## WILL MAKE WATER PURE.

Business Men Organize the Tripure Water System.

Business men of this city, of Tennessee and of Missouri have just organized here a parent company for the development of the Tripure Water System. The corporation, which is to be known as the Tripure Water System Company, starts with a capital of \$1,000,000.

The system is designed to purify perfectly the water of the Tripure river, a plan of distillation which removes every vestige of unwholesome matter. Tripure Water Companies have been established for some time in Nashville, Chattanooga, Knoxville, Atlanta, Roanoke, and other Southern cities. Companies likewise have been established as far north as Elmira, N. Y., and as far west as Kansas City, Mo.

The officers are: Dr. Charles P. Grandfield, of Missouri, former First Assistant Postmaster General, president; J. S. Morrill, of Canada, vice president; Clarence M. Carpenter, treasurer; and Wilbur C. Fowler, former chief clerk of the Department of Commerce and Labor, secretary. The general manager is Richard T. Blow, of Knoxville.

Scores Fall Before Heat;  
End of Wave Not in Sight

Six Infants and Three Adults Die in Cleveland—Philadelphia and Pittsburgh Report Deaths—Only One Prostration Here—May Be Cooler Today.

Numerous deaths and prostrations from the heat wave that is sweeping the Atlantic Coast and the Middle Western States occurred yesterday, according to dispatches reaching here last night.

Although the mercury reached 91 degrees here yesterday afternoon only one case of prostration was treated at local hospitals. Grace Cochran, 25 years old, of Gaitersburg, Md., was taken to Emergency Hospital. She left later. Cleveland was the greatest sufferer, nine persons, six of them babies, dying within twenty-four hours. In Philadelphia two victims were claimed: Mrs. Rebecca Robb, 31, and William Gisel, 67. In Pittsburgh one death was recorded.

The Weather Bureau here stated last night that while the Atlantic coast cities would receive some relief today from a much lower humidity and western

brezzes, the end of the hot spell is not yet in sight.

The highest the mercury went in Washington yesterday was 91. Today it is expected to hover below 90. The prediction for today is fair and probably lower temperatures.

The last week was the first real summer weather Washington has "enjoyed" since April. The highest the mercury went during the week was 93 on Friday afternoon. This was the second highest mark of the year, it having reached 96 in April.

The superstitious were suffering last night, not so much from the heat as from a fear that the tradition of St. Swithin's Day will be fulfilled. Thursday was the saint's day, and, as the story goes, if it rained on that day Jupiter Pluvius was to pour forth a shower each day for forty days.

public and distant from any port from which Bobo might receive supplies. Government troops, according to Admiral Caperton, advanced yesterday beyond Llanon, eight miles east of Cape Haitien, without resistance. Gen. Eliot, in charge of the government forces, states that he will push the pursuit of the revolutionists.

Cape Haitien has resumed its normal condition, families having returned to their homes in the disturbed section and country produce coming into town for market. Train loads of freight from Grande Riviere arrived at Cape Haitien yesterday.

## HAITIEN REVOLT ABOUT OVER.

Its Leader and Troops Pushed Close to Frontier.

That the Haitian revolution is practically at an end was the news conveyed to the Navy Department yesterday in a report from Admiral Caperton, on board the cruiser Washington, at Cape Haitien. The leader of the revolutionary forces, Bobo, is reported at Boulonior, on the Dominican frontier, near Port Liberté. This is in the extreme northeastern corner of the republic.

Funeral services for Miss Constance Walton, daughter of D. J. Roland Walton, were held at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon in the chapel at Congressional Cemetery, where the body was buried.

Mrs. Ellen G. White, prophetess of the Seventh Day Adventist Church, Takoma Park, died Friday night at her home at St. Helena, Cal., according to word received yesterday. Mrs. White was 84 years old, and her death had been expected for more than a month as the result of a fall that fractured her hip.

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Electric breezes and cooling beverages are promised those who attend. A date will be selected for the automobile trade-boosting trip into Maryland and Virginia. The committee on a fall style festival week will make a report and other matters of vital interest to the merchants of Washington will be up for consideration.

MINERS REST SHOVELS  
IN TRIBUTE TO HOLMES

Vast Industry Suspends While Father of Safety Movement Is Being Buried.

The mining industry throughout the country suspended operation for a short time yesterday while the body of Dr. J. A. Holmes, director of the Bureau of Mines, was being buried here. The action of the miners of the country was a final tribute to the father of the mine safety movement.

Funeral services were held at 11 o'clock in the morning at the Church of the Covenant. The rites were attended by several members of the Cabinet. Rev. Howard Hannaford officiated, assisted by Rev. Alexander Sprunt, a brother-in-law of Dr. Holmes. Interment was in Rock Creek Cemetery. The body was brought here Friday by the widow of the scientist and his children.

The altar was banked with flowers, the most attractive of which was a large seal of the Bureau of Mines, sent by his former fellow-workers. Among those present were Secretaries Daniels, Lane, and Wilson, and Surg. Gen. William C. Gorgas, U. S. A.

## Buys Capitol Steps.

The front steps of the Capitol, now being removed to give place to new granite ones, have been purchased by John R. McLean. It is understood that the old steps, on which many a President has taken the oath of office and on which some of the most distinguished gatherings in the history of the country have stood, will become part of a sunken garden at the country estate of Mr. McLean.

John Hurd, who has been running the game, resigned to join the pitching staff of the St. Margaret's club.

Shortage of Horses Feared  
If U. S. Is Plunged Into War

General Staff Will Urge Secretary Garrison to Seek Legislation Preventing Depletion of Supply Through Purchases for European Battlefields.

An embargo on the exportation of far developed. In addition the transport service relies very heavily upon horses. These two are in addition to cavalry and mounted officer requirements.

Another high officer of the general staff, and an expert on remount questions, yesterday told the representative of The Washington Herald that the situation already is extremely serious and will become acute if permitted to continue.

"The European crop of horses was virtually wiped out during the early stages of the war," he said, "and if the war continues for another year the cream of American saddle and draft horses will follow their European brothers."

"That is not all. When the war is over Europe will look to the United States for the supply that will be needed in ordinary times. High prices will reign, and what she has not taken to kill in the war Europe will take to put to the plough and wagon and to breed a new generation."

"It is bad enough to have the British and French buyers go over our stock farms and take their choice of America's best geldings and mules, but it is almost criminal to allow them to take the mares, thereby doubly depleting our stock."

**Buying Horses for Britain.**  
"I understand that hundreds of Americans are working for the English agents on a commission basis, and that they are now getting \$10 for

every head they start in the direction of the European slaughter-house. "Unless Congress places an embargo on mares, this will be a horseless country, relatively speaking, within a few years. I do not mean that there will not be plenty of comparatively worthless horses. Like the poor, they will be always with us. I mean that there will be a serious shortage of the kind of horses that the American army will need if it ever is compelled to go to war."

"While the country is shouting about preparation for war, it would be just as well to turn our attention to this matter and take steps that will prevent the situation which now threatens."

"Even the late and lamented Secretary of State could not raise a million horses overnight," he finished, with a wry smile.

## "BABY FANS" BRING \$2,500.

At Least that Amount Will Be Realized from Two-day Sale.

At least \$2,500 will be realized from the two-day sale of fans for the babies' summer outing camps, according to Mrs. Edward S. Sefton, in charge of the sale. The exact figures will be announced tomorrow. Mrs. Sefton said that all of the amount raised can be used for the support of the camps, as the expenses of the campaign already have been covered.

In addition to the 15,000 fans that already had been disposed of, more than 200 were sold yesterday at the Bureau of Engraving and Printing.

**Naval Militia Back from Cruise.**  
The members of the naval battalion of the District National Guard returned yesterday from a fifteen days' cruise aboard the United States battleship Kearsarge. One hundred and eighty officers and enlisted men went on the cruise. The men immediately were dismissed until August 15, when drills aboard the two vessels used by the battalion at the naval militia dock will be resumed.



## Washington's One Big Shoe Event

Every city has its one BIG SHOE EVENT of a season! Everybody's Sale is the one big shoe event of Washington, for no other shoe sale has ever offered such a wide scope, at such unheard of low prices. Embracing as it does a large variety of the best trade-marked shoes at prices that make for you a real saving of from \$1 to \$3 on each and every pair. Every shoe in the sale fashioned by renowned shoemakers, and with all the new style points. All styles—all leathers—all fabrics. Almost an endless variety to choose from—for men, women and children.

Thousands of Pairs of Trade-Marked Shoes at  
Greatest Reductions in Many Years

<p><b>\$1.10</b> 2,000 Pairs of Children's and Misses' Play Oxfords —with the genuine "Mooney" oak leather sole, Goodyear welt sewed; guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction; regular \$1.75 values. Special \$1.10.</p>	<p><b>\$1.45</b> 387 Pairs of Ladies' and Boys' Outing Oxfords —made with the long-wearing "Mooney" oak sole. Don't fail to purchase a pair of these before leaving on your vacation. \$3.00 values. Special \$1.45.</p>	<p><b>\$1.00</b> 4 Tables Piled High With Ladies' Pumps, Button and Blucher Oxfords. Every pair bears the trade-mark of a well-known manufacturer. These are broken lots of shoes that sold at \$3, \$3.50, and \$4 the pair. Special \$1.00.</p>
<p><b>\$1.80</b> 4 Large Tables Piled High With Ladies' Pumps and Colonial. All the new styles in novelty footwear; also 30 styles in plain black leathers. These are wonderful values. Not every size in each style, but your size is here in some style. No cheap shoes among them. \$3.50 and \$4.00 values. Special \$1.80.</p>	<p><b>\$2.55</b> 2 Large Tables Piled High With Men's Low Shoes —in both black and tan leathers; all the season's newest styles; also a special lot of \$5 and \$6 sample shoes among them. Most any style you might want—all first quality footwear—no seconds. Genuine \$4 and \$5 values. Special \$2.55.</p>	<p><b>\$2.95</b> 387 Pairs of Men's Low Shoes. A shipment of men's highest quality Low Shoes just received by express. Every pair trade-marked. These are shoes which you will recognize at a glance—sold the world over at \$6 and \$7. Both black and tan leathers, with or without cloth tops; remember, \$6 and \$7 values. Special \$2.95.</p>
<p><b>\$2.45</b> 30 Styles of Ladies' Pumps and Colonial. All the season's newest patterns. Most every style imaginable. Every pair bears the trade-mark of a high-class manufacturer. \$4.50 and \$5 values. Special \$2.45.</p>	<p><b>\$2.15</b> 10 Styles of Ladies' Pumps and Colonial. Some are plain and some are novelty styles; every pair trade-marked with price stamped on sole. Regular \$4.00 values. Special \$2.15.</p>	<p><b>\$1.75</b> Choice of 215 Pairs of Ladies' Sport Oxfords —some with rubber soles and heels, others with Viscolized waterproof soles and rubber heels. \$3 and \$3.50 values. Special \$1.75.</p>

**Everybody's SHOE STORE**  
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